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Serial No. 07/720,586)		
Filed: July 3, 1991)	Los Angeles, CA 90017	
For: NUCLEIC ACID PROBES TO)	July 6, 1992	
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DECLARATION OF DR. SHERROL McDONOUGH

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Sir:

I, Sherrol McDonough, state and declare as follows:

1. In 1978 I received a B.S. degree in Microbiology from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
2. In 1985 I received a Ph.D. degree in Biology from the University of California at San Diego.
3. I have been working in the field of hybridization probe design for 14 years; for 7 years within this period I have been working specifically with oligonucleotide probes.
4. I have reviewed the above-captioned application.
5. I noted that on page 14, line 5, the number "0.0012" was included by error; the correct number is "0.012".

Those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that this is simply a typographical error and that its correction in the application does not add new matter. This is clear from the sentence that includes the error; the sentence provides an example of a titration curve for probe concentration. From the series of numbers listed it is clear to those in the art that the correct series is "0.012, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1 and 0.2".

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Date: July 6, 1992

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